



Salish Kootenai College

P.O. Box 70
Pablo, MT 59855
Ph. (406) 275-4800
Fax (406) 275-4801

EXHIBIT 17
DATE 3/23/11
HB 618



March 22, 2011
House Taxation Committee

Dear Honorable Committee Chairman Mark Blasdel and Honorable
Vice Chair's Mike Miller and Dick Barrett:

RE: House Bill 618 – Tax Exemption for Tribal Educational Institutions

Salish Kootenai College seeks approval of House Bill 618 as it includes a provision for removing an acre limitation for exemptions on Tribal educational property. Salish Kootenai College supports the removal of the acre limitation as it applies to Tribal educational institutions.

In regards to education, 15-6-201(1) (d), MCA, allows property that is used exclusively for educational purposes to be exempt up to 80 acres. HB618 would **remove the 80 acre limitation for tribal educational property.**

Salish Kootenai College is a growing institution. It is important for the institution to have the ability to expand its campus and student services. We request the same property tax exemption consideration as other educational institutions in Montana.

Please approve HB 618 with the favorable provisions for Tribal Colleges.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. McDonald, President Emeritus
Salish Kootenai College

Copy to:
House Taxation Committee
Chair: Mark Blasdel
Vice Chair: Mike Miller
Vice Chair: Dick Barrett

Steve Fitzpatrick
Kelly Flynn
Alan Hale
Brian Hoven
Austin Knudsen
Steve Lavin
Sue Malek
Edie McClafferty
Mary McNally
Jerry O'Neil
Mike Phillips
Lee Randall
Wayne Stahl
Janna Taylor
Kathleen Williams
Max Yates

Committee Staff: Jeff Martin, 406-444-3595
Megan Moore, 406-444-4496
Secretary: Lisa Adams, 406-444-4745